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**CLAIMS**

1. A container having an opening mechanism for opening at least a part of the container to allow access to the contents thereof, said opening mechanism comprising an opening member moveable by  
5 the user into a position where it is urged against at least a part of the container, said urging causing said part to be separated from remaining container material to form an aperture through which the contents of the container can be accessed wherein said opening member is further moveable after the container has been opened,  
10 into a position where it engages with securing means which acts to urge at least a part of the member into sealing contact with the aperture.
2. A container according to Claim 1, wherein the opening mechanism comprises a ring pull mechanism.
- 15 3. A container according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the opening mechanism comprises a part adapted for a finger grip for gripping by a user during operation.
4. A container according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein said at least a part of the container which is separated, in use, is an area  
20 defined by a line of weakness in the container material.
5. A container according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein said securing means comprise a shaped member which projects from a surface of the top of the container.

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6. A container according to Claim 5, wherein said shaped member is formed with at least one ramp surface up which a part of the opening member can be moved when moving into a closed position.
7. A container according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, wherein said opening member has at least a part thereof shaped so as to define an elongate tongue which facilitates gripping of the member by a user.
8. A container according to Claim 7, wherein the elongate tongue, when lifted by a user, exerts a lever action about a point between its ends, which acts to urge a part of the opening member into sealing engagement with the dispense aperture.